March 27th

Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica
Stichera on Lord I have cried

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

1) To the Jews' bra - zen cru - el - ty and their shame-less au -

dac - i - ty, thou didst show re - sis - tance with

man - li - ness of mind, look - ing a - head, O Ma -

tro - na, to the joy of the things to come, which for - ev - er shall a - bide all un - moved through ē -

ter - ni - ty, which, O god - ly-wise, and all - laud - ed, thou

hast now found, con - veyed from earth to heav - en - ly bride -

cham - bers and that di - vine ev - er - last - ing choir.

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2) The delight and the majesty and the infinite

loveliness of thy Bride-groom's Kingdom wast

thou vouchsafed to see, when with the marks of thy

steadfast contest thou wast made beautiful;

and thou camest worthily to the Wellspring of

all good things, whence, O blessed one, thou enjoyest e-

-ter-nal-ly a share in that di-vine re-joic-ing

yon-der and in the glo-ry that hath no end.
3) Not the yoke of thy servitude, nor a womanly want of strength, neither stripes nor hunger could hinder thee at all from imitating the staunchness of the Martyrs, O all renowned; for with earnest zeal of soul, thou didst bear torments patiently; hence, thou hast attained to the heavenly nuptial chambers, where thou art adorned with crowns of graces, standing before God thy Fashioner.